

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015,  
BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, 1 NORTH SAN  
ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

PRESENT: Mayor Bruins, Mayor Pro Tem Prochnow, Councilmembers Mordo, Pepper and Satterlee

ABSENT: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Junior Girl Scouts, Troop 60435 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – One case

Mayor Bruins reported that no action was taken during the Closed Session meeting.

**CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

City Manager Somers introduced Interim Community Development Director Steve Piasecki.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Los Altos resident Myra Orta encouraged the Council to consider gun control regulations.

Los Altos residents Jean Wolman, Judy William, Carole Katz and Eileen Wong encouraged the Council to adopt a resolution against human trafficking.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Satterlee pulled item number 3.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Pepper, seconded by Councilmember Satterlee, the Council unanimously approved the Consent Calendar, with the exception of item number 3, as follows:

1. Approved the minutes of the November 24, 2015 regular meeting.
2. Accepted the Mayor's appointments to local and regional boards and Council Committees for 2016.

3. Approve the 2016 Council meeting schedule – *Pulled for discussion (see page 4).*
4. Adopted Ordinance No. 2105-417, replacing Chapter 6.12 – Solid Waste of the Los Altos Municipal Code in its entirety.
5. Approved the parcel map of 467 First Street.
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-40, updating adoption of Safe Harbors and reporting requirements to the Internal Revenue Service under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-41, adopting a Complete Streets Policy to be eligible for the One Bay Area Grant-Cycle 2.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-42, accepting completion of the Redwood Grove Bank Stabilization, Project CF-01001 and authorized the Public Works Director to record a Notice of Completion as required by law.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

9. Receive an update on the Halsey House Feasibility Study, and direct staff accordingly

Engineering Services Manager Lamm presented the report.

#### Public Comments

Los Altos residents Val Carpenter, representing Friends of Historic Redwood Grove, Nancy Bremeau, Gary Hedden, Nomi Trapnell, Jane Reed, Jon Baer, Lynette Lee Eng, and Marie Backs, and Ginger Summit supported renovating the interior of the Halsey House.

Los Altos resident Libby Lucas encouraged maintaining the current conditions of Redwood Grove and keeping the integrity of the building.

Los Altos resident Jim Wing encouraged Council to consider other options for the Halsey House.

Los Altos resident Gary Hedden supported renovating the Halsey House but opposed providing parking for automobiles.

Los Altos resident Rory Van Tuyl encouraged maintaining the current conditions of Redwood Grove and repairing the building as is.

Karen Lemes provided a historical perspective of the Halsey House.

Action: Council members requested a future Study Session to review additional options for the Halsey House.

*Mayor Bruins called for a recess at 8:34 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:39 p.m.*

10. Discuss the Charter and structure of the Senior Commission and existing vacancies, and direct staff accordingly

City Manager Somers presented the report.

#### Public Comments

Los Altos residents Emily Thurber, Bart Nelson, Galen Ha, Lynette Lee Eng, Carlos Shaw, Anabel Pelham, Karina Nilsen and Deb Hope, and Ginger Summit, Kathy Schuda and Karen Lemes supported maintaining the current structure of the Senior Commission.

Los Altos resident Mary Skougaard commented on the need for space for seniors in the Community Center.

Los Altos resident Roy Lave suggested combining the Senior and Youth Commissions.

Los Altos resident Connie Mariottini supported maintaining the Senior Commission and suggested possibly reducing the number of members and the years of terms.

Councilmembers Mordo and Pepper opposed having the Council lead discussions regarding the structure and Charter of the Senior Commission.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Prochnow, the Council appointed an ad hoc committee of Mayor Bruins and Mayor Pro Tem Prochnow to host meetings with the Senior Commission and meetings at Hillview Community Center and Grant Park to discuss the structure and Charter of the Senior Commission and to report back to Council on January 26, 2016, by the following vote: AYES: Bruins, Prochnow and Satterlee; NOES: Mordo and Pepper; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

11. Receive a Downtown Parking Management Plan Short-Term Parking Strategies and Implementation Schedule update

Mayor Pro Tem Prochnow recused herself due to a financial conflict of interest (owns property within the Downtown), stepped down from the dais and left the chamber.

Action: The item was continued to January 12, 2016.

Mayor Pro Tem Prochnow returned to the dais.

12. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-43, authorizing the City to apply for grants from various organizations for public art projects

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Councilmember Pepper, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2015-43, authorizing the City to apply for grants from various organizations for public art projects.

13. Receive the Ten-year Financial Forecast

Administrative Services Director Juran-Karageorgiou presented the report.

Action: Council members discussed various scenarios to evaluate using the Ten-year Financial Forecast.

14. Propose agenda items for the next meeting of the City/Los Altos School District Schools Issues Standing Committee

Action: Council members provided the following agenda item: community engagement.

### **ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR CONTINUED**

3. Approve the 2016 City Council meeting schedule

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Councilmember Pepper, the Council unanimously approved the 2016 City Council meeting schedule, as amended to remove November 22, 2016 from the schedule and to set the dates for the Commission interviews, joint meetings with Commissions and Annual Commission and Committee Training as to be determined.

### **COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### Council reports

Councilmember Prochnow reported she attended the Joint Community Volunteer Service Awards Luncheon on December 4, 2015.

Councilmember Pepper reported she attended a meeting of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Board on November 30, 2015, a meeting of the BAAQMD Mobile Source Committee on December 2, 2015, and the Cities Association of Santa Clara County Holiday Party on December 3, 2015.

Councilmember Satterlee reported on the meeting of the Downtown Buildings Committee on December 3, 2015.

Councilmember Mordo provided an update on the Santa Clara County Library District Whipple Funds.

Mayor Bruins reported on the meeting of the City-wide Parking Committee on December 2, 2015.

Staff reports

City Manager Somers provided an additional update on the Santa Clara County Library District Whipple Funds.

Future agenda items

Mayor Bruins and Councilmembers Mordo and Pepper requested a future agenda item to consider a resolution against human trafficking.

Councilmembers Mordo and Pepper requested a future agenda item to consider joining an initiative to care for homeless veterans.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bruins adjourned the meeting at 11:31 p.m.

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Jeannie Bruins, MAYOR

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Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK